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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re application of:

Grey et al.

Serial No.: 08/349,177

Filed: December 2, 1994

For: HLA-A2.1 BINDING

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Examiner: Schwadron, R.

Art Unit:1816

Response

Assistant Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 23, 1996 Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks. A petition to extend the period of response for 3 months is enclosed.

In the Specification:

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On page 1, line 7, after "08/027,146", please insert—all of which are now abandoned—. On page 1, line 8, after "is related to", please insert—pending application".

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-18 and add new claims 19-36, as follows.

19. A method of inducing a cytotoxic T cell response against a preselected antigen in a patient expressing an HLA-A2.1 MHC product, the method comprising contacting cytotoxic T cells from the patient with an immunogenic peptide having a binding motif of 9 residues, which immunogenic peptide binds the HLA-A2.1 MHC product with a dissociation

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